

Preliminary Meeting

Tuesday 6 February 2024

Updated Agenda

The ExA has decided to amend the Preliminary Meeting agenda published in Annex A of the Rule 6 letter [\[PD-006\]](#), to that which is set out below. The updated agenda facilitates an revised discussion on Item 5, the draft Examination Timetable. Following comments received by Interested Parties to the Rule 6 letter, the ExA proposes to amend Deadlines 1 to 4, as set out below under Item 5. Providing advanced notice of these proposed changes allows Interested Parties to reflect on them before responding orally at the Preliminary Meeting. The ExA has attempted to allow additional time for the responses to written questions as requested by Interested Parties. However, the ExA is unable to facilitate the preferred date of Tuesday 30 April owing to implications for the remainder of the timetable.

Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting	
9.30am	Seating available at venue for in-person attendees
9.30am	<p>Virtual Registration Process</p> <p>Please arrive at 9.30am to enter the virtual lobby. From here you will be admitted to the Arrangements Conference by the Case Team, greeted and given further instructions.</p> <p>The Registration Process will commence at 09:30. This will be hosted by the Case Team and allow for any questions to be asked about how to take part.</p>
10.00am	<p>Preliminary Meeting</p> <p>Item 1</p> <p>The Preliminary Meeting will formally open at 10.00am. The Examining Authority will join, welcome participants and lead introductions.</p>
Item 2	The Examining Authority's remarks about the Examination process – Annex B to Rule 6 letter
Item 3	Initial Assessment of Principal Issues – Annex C to the Rule 6 letter
Item 4	Procedural Decisions – Annex D to the Rule 6 Letter

<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Draft Examination Timetable – Annex E to the Rule 6 letter</p> <p>In addition to any other dates contained within the draft Examination Timetable, the ExA wishes to discuss its proposal to revise Deadlines 1 to Deadline 4 as set out in the Draft Examination Timetable at Annex E to the Rule 6 Letter, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline 1 and Deadline 2 are merged as New Deadline 1, Wednesday 28 February 2024, 21-days from the Rule 8 Letter; - Deadline 3 becomes New Deadline 2, Wednesday 20 March 2024, which is 21 days from New Deadline 1; - Written Questions moves to Wednesday 3 April 2024, and therefore after the Easter holiday weekend; and - Deadline 4 becomes New Deadline 3, Thursday 25 April 2024, allowing 22 days for responses. - Deadlines 5, 6 and 7 become New Deadlines 4, 5 and 6 with no changes to the dates.
<p>Item 6</p>	<p>Any other matters</p>
<p>Close of the Preliminary Meeting</p>	

Issue Specific Hearing 1 – Environmental Matters

Wednesday 7 February 2024 (Day 1)

Thursday 8 February 2024 (Day 2); and

Friday 9 February 2024 (Day 3) (if required)

Detailed Agenda

Agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing – Day 1	
1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	The Proposed Development and Alternatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Brief explanation of the Proposed Developmentii. Clarification on quantum of turbines to be constructediii. Clarification on the choice of National Grid connection and onshore substation locations
ONSHORE EFFECTS	
3.	Traffic and Access <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Transport Assessment Methodologyii. Michelgrove Laneiii. Brookside Caravan Parkiv. Construction Hoursv. National Highways Issues - Update
4.	Effects of the Proposed Substation at Cowfold/Oakendene <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Potential traffic at Kent Street and A272ii. Cowfold Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)iii. Kings and Moatfield Lanesiv. Dragons Lanev. Historic Environment - Oakendene Manorvi. Flood risk and proposed drainage plansvii. Effects on ecology including Red list and UK BAP priority species, wildlife corridors, trees and hedgerows
5.	Construction Effects <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Confirmation that trenchless crossing will be used as set out in the Outline Code of Construction Practice [PEPD-033]ii. Hedgerow / tree load and retentioniii. Climping Beach

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effects of coastal erosion on the Horizontal Directional Drilling under Climping Beach • Horizontal Directional Drilling impacts on the ecological features of the SSSI • Potential flood risk from the sea during construction <p>iv. Extent of areas in Works Plans for Work No.9 concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works Plan Sheets 2 and 3 at Littlehampton • Michelgrove Park • Sullington Hill
6.	<p>South Downs National Park</p> <p>i. Landscape and seascape effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size, proximity and lateral spread of WTG's (including Heritage Coast) • South Downs Way • Dark Skies • Mitigation and Compensation <p>ii. Potential archaeology of national significance</p> <p>iii. Habitats Regulations Assessment for the Arun Valley Special Protection Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for loss of functionally linked land (FLL) used by waterbirds • Requirement for water neutrality
7.	<p>Other Landscape Effects</p> <p>i. Effect on National Landscapes at the Isle of Wight and Chichester Harbour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Purpose • Lateral spread of WTG's
8.	Action Points from Day 1 and AOB
Hearing Adjourned	
Agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing – Day 2 (and Day 3 if required)	
OFFSHORE EFFECTS	
9.	<p>Ornithology</p> <p>i. Worst case scenario for ornithological collision and displacement risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed number, dimensions and design of the wind turbine generators • Proposed spacing and layout of the wind turbine generators <p>ii. The effect of array areas as proposed on birds migrating to/from European and nationally important sites including Cumulative Impact Assessments</p> <p>iii. Habitats Regulations Assessment</p>
10.	<p>Underwater Noise</p> <p>i. Impacts on fish, shellfish, marine mammals and divers from construction activities including foundation piling and potential Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) clearance</p> <p>ii. Seasonal restrictions on piling as a form of mitigation</p> <p>iii. Underwater noise abatement technologies</p>

11.	<p>Marine Mammals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Vessel collision risk, disturbance and the submission of an outline Vessel Management Plan ii. Harbour porpoise Cumulative Effects Assessments iii. Bottlenose dolphin densities and the Coastal West Channel Management Unit
12.	<p>Offshore Physical Processes and Benthic Ecology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The effects of the proposed offshore works on Habitats of Principle Importance and Annex 1 habitats, particularly related to the effectiveness of proposed mitigation.
13.	<p>Commercial Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Effects of shipping restrictions and the presence of operational turbines on commercial fishing, particularly the potting fleet.
14.	<p>Shipping and Navigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Effects of array areas as proposed on shipping navigational safety ii. The effects due to resultant shipping deviations or displacement around the proposed development and also the effects on port access.
15.	<p>Aviation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Effects on wind turbines on Shoreham Airport, in particular this airport's Instrument Flight Procedures (IFPs) and the process needed for any necessary changes to these. ii. Effects of wind turbines on NATS radar facilities, such as at Pease Pottage Primary Surveillance Radar (PSR). iii. Effects of the proposed development on UK Defence aviation
	<p><i>The ExA will determine, at this point, whether sufficient time exists for Item 16 to be discussed on Day 2 or will be deferred to Day 3. If deferred, the ExA will discuss Action Points for Day 2 and AOB and adjourn the meeting.</i></p>
16.	<p>Draft Development Consent Order</p>
17.	<p>Action Points from Day 2 (Day 3 if necessary) and AOB</p>
<p>Hearing Closed</p>	

LIST OF DOCUMENTS LIKELY TO BE REFERRED TO BY THE ExA

APP-039	Habitats Regulations Assessment (Without Prejudice) Derogation Case
APP-052	Marine mammals
APP-053	Offshore and intertidal ornithology
APP-075	Environmental Statement - Volume 3 Chapter 3 Alternatives - Figures
APP-076	Environmental Statement - Volume 3 Chapter 4 The Proposed Development - Figures (Part 1 of 2)
APP-098	Environmental Statement - Volume 3 Chapter 18 Landscape and visual impact assessment - Figures (Part 1 of 6)
APP-108	Environmental Statement - Volume 3 Chapter 23 Transport - Figures (Part 2 of 4)
APP-064	Environmental Statement - Volume 2 Chapter 23 Transport
APP-147	Marine mammal baseline technical report
APP-148	Marine mammal quantitative underwater noise impact assessment
APP-151	Offshore and intertidal ornithology displacement analysis
APP-152	Offshore and intertidal ornithology collision risk modelling
APP-153	Offshore and intertidal ornithology migratory collision risk modelling
APP-154	Offshore and intertidal ornithology population viability analysis
APP-180	Terrestrial Ecology Desk Study
APP-216	Flood Risk Assessment
APP-223	Outline Operational Drainage Plan
APP-236	Draft Piling Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol
APP-237	Draft Unexploded Ordnance Clearance Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol
APP-238	Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan
APP-254	Commitments Register
PEPD-001	Pre-Exam Procedural Deadline Submission – 1.1 – Cover Letter
PEPD-005	Onshore Works Plans (Revision B)
PEPD-007	Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (Revision B)

PEPD-010	Draft Development Consent Order – Revision B (tracked)
PEPD-033	Outline Code of Construction Practice (Revision B)
PEPD-035a	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Revision B)
PEPD-041	ExA's Requested Additional Information (quantum of turbines proposed)
	National Policy Statement (Energy) January 2024